

**IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Schucker, R.

EXAMINER: Singh, Prem

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TITLE: Desulfurization of Petroleum Streams Using Metallic Sodium

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Commissioner of Patents

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the office action of July 12, 2006, claims 1-23 were pending. The applicant held an interview with the examiner on September 28, 2006. Applicant has since responded to the office action. Applicant has been notified of the need for the response to the office action to include the substance of the interview. Applicant hereby provides the substance of the interview for inclusion in the patent file.

Telephonic Interview of September 28, 2006.

PTO representatives: G. Caldarola; P. Singh

Applicants representative: B. Meroney

Claims discussed: all independent claims

References discussed: Baird

Evidence presented: declaration of inventor

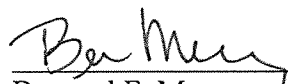
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Amdt. dated October 4, 2006
Reply to Office Action of October 10, 2006

Applicant argued that sodamide is different from metallic sodium in liquid ammonia, structurally, physically and chemically. Applicant also argued that sodamide would not function comparably to liquid ammonia /metallic sodium in the desulphurization process as claimed. Both arguments were supported by the declaration of Dr. Schucker.

Agreement was reached that the declaration of Dr. Schucker was persuasive, and the claims would be allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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